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Soviet Leader Unleashes KGB On the West

A beleaguered Yuri V. Andropov, still consolidating his control of the Kremlin, has unleashed his trusted KGB secret police to stir up trouble in the West.

At first, he cautiously dangled an olive branch, apparently hoping for a limited detente that would permit him to concentrate on his internal problems. But President Reagan merely sniffed at the branch suspiciously, without reducing the belligerency level in Washington.

According to intelligence reports, Andropov then activated the KGB he used to direct. KGB agents and agitators began a major effort to split the western allies on nuclear defense. But Reagan, bolstered by conservatives' election victories in Britain, Japan and West Germany, succeeded in tightening the bonds that hold the western alliance together.

Now the latest intelligence shows that Andropov has intensified the subterranean warfare, at which the Soviets specialize.

A Pentagon analysis describes how it works: KGB agents identify

"discontent opinion leaders" in the West and bring them to the Soviet Union for training. This usually lasts two to four years. They are indoctrinated in Marxist ideology and instructed in revolutionary methods. They are taught how to exploit discontent, destabilize governments and organize rebellions.

Not long ago, I spoke to a graduate of a typical Soviet training camp. He said a thousand trainees from "liberation movements" around the world were enrolled at the camp, where they were drilled in the fine points of guerrilla warfare. What he called "liberation movements," it turned out, were the world's most notorious terrorist bands.

The graduates emerge as disciplined political activists and guerrilla leaders. They return to their native lands, where they exploit legitimate grievances and manipulate the downtrodden and the disaffected.

In recent years, the KGB has also formed shadowy alliances with drug smuggling rings, whose debilitating products help to weaken the West. The drugs are channeled through Bulgaria and Cuba, which the KGB has turned into illicit drug centers.

A classified, 38-page CIA report says that Bulgaria has become "a safe haven from where major narcotics operations are directed. The role of Bulgaria in the field of interna-

tional narcotics has increased tremendously in the last several years."

In the Caribbean, Fidel Castro's gunboats actually escort ships loaded with Colombian cocaine and marijuana into Cuban ports, where the illegal drugs are loaded on smaller boats for the quick run to the Florida coast. Sometimes the gunboats use their radar to scout for U.S. Coast Guard cutters. According to the CIA, Castro calls this drug smuggling operation "Plan Bravo."

After Andropov took charge of the Kremlin, the KGB began to step up its mischief in the West. The effort is described in one Pentagon document as a "low-risk, low-cost, low-profile" Soviet offensive. The most vulnerable "targets of opportunity," the document suggests, are El Salvador and Guatemala—situated as they are below the soft U.S. underbelly. Next will be an attempt to take over "the petroleum fields in southern Mexico."

But the ultimate target, the analysts warn, is the United States.

Under the Dome: Rep. Bob Edgar (D-Pa.) is a United Methodist minister. So when Rep. Claudine Schneider (R-R.I.) was auctioning off a date with Edgar at an environmental fund-raiser, she suggested that the high bidder would "learn to get to Heaven the easy way." This alluring prospect brought a bid of \$50 for the cause.

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